

REMARKS

As an initial matter, the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt of the priority document. The priority document was submitted on August 17, 2004. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the priority document, in the next communication to Applicant.

Claims 1-10 are pending. Of the pending claims, claims 3 and 7 have been withdrawn from consideration.

At page 2 of the Action, claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Lau '421 or Lau '733, both of record on the Form PTO/SB/08.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The Examiner has established neither an anticipation nor a prima facie case of obviousness of the present claims.

In this regard, the first repeating unit in column 3 of Lau '421 is not within the scope of formula (Y-1) of present claim 1. The upper two rings in formula (Y-1) of present claim 1 are connected by a single bond bridge which is missing in the repeating unit cited by the Examiner in the Lau et al. patents. Additionally, the single bonds on the upper two benzene rings in formula (Y-1) of present claim 1 which would link to the oxygen atoms shown in formula (I) of present claim 1 are located on a different position on the benzene rings than the corresponding bonds in the first repeating unit in column 3 of Lau et al. '421 and the first repeating unit in column 3 of Lau et al. '733.

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Thus, the Lau et al. disclosures relied upon by the Examiner do not disclose or suggest the (Y-1) repeating unit of present claim 1.

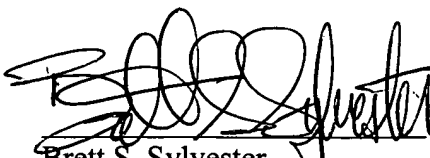
If the Examiner is referring to repeating unit (Y-3) of present claim 1, the cited repeating units in Lau et al. '421 and '733 do not disclose repeating unit (Y-3) either. The upper two benzene rings in repeating unit (Y-3) of present claim 1 are substituted by the aromatic ring-containing monovalent hydrocarbon groups R_{ar1} and R_{ar2} . These substitutions are not disclosed or suggested in the Lau et al. patents.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-10 based on Lau '421 or Lau '733 are respectfully requested.

Allowance is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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